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SUBJECT: ORTIZ DE ROZAS - - PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED
WALDHEIM

1. ARGENTINE PERMREP CARLOS ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WHO WAS UNSUCCESSFUL
CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED U THANT AS SYG IN 1971 WHEN WALDHEIM
ELECTED, SHOWS DISTINCT SIGNS OF CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE JOB.
SEVERAL ASPECTS OF HIS RECENT BEHAVIOR SUGGEST HE IS POSITIONING
HIMSELF FOR ANOTHER BID SHOULD WALDHEIM FALTER OR TAKE HIMSELF
OUT OF THE RUNNING.

2. ARGENTINA HAS RECENTLY BEEN A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO
THE SECURITY COUNCIL (1976-78) AND ECOSOC (1975-1977). THESE
CANDIDACIES WOULD PUT ORTIZ IN HIGH-VISIBILITY, LOW-RISK
SITUATIONS.

3. ON FEBRUARY 21, ORTIZ TOOK A STEP THAT MORE CLEARLY DEMON-
STRATES HIS PERSONAL DESIRE FOR PROMINENCE IN LEADERSHIP ROLE.
HE ARRANGED AND CHAIRED AN INFORMAL "PERSONAL" SEMINAR ON
STRENGTHENING THE PROCEDURES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. INVITED
WERE PERMREPS AND OTHER SENIOR DIPLOMATS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED
IN "DECISION MAKING PROCESSES OF THE UN" SEMINAR AT STANLEY
FOUNDATION'S NINTH CONFERENCE ON UN AT VAIL, COLORADO (IN JUNE
1974). ACTUALLY ATTENDING WERE: (GHANA) AMB. BOATEN; (FRANCE)
SCALABRE, VICE LEPRETTE; (USSR) OVINNIKOV; (IRAN) HOVEYDA;
(SWEDEN) SUNDBERG; (COSTA RICA) CASTRO DE BARISH; (SECRETARIAT)
USEC BRAD MORSE; (INDIA) AMB. JAPAL, VICE JAIN; (POLAND)

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LUDWICZAK, VICE DEPMIN TREPCZYNSKI; (NETHERLANDS) AMB.

KAUFMANN; (AUSTRIA) AMB. JANKOWITSCH; (YUGOSLAVIA) JOB,
VICE MOJSOV; (US) HOWISON, VICE BENNETT.

4. THERE WAS GENERAL ENTHUSIASM FOR FURTHER MEETINGS OF THIS
INFORMAL SEMINAR WHICH PROMISES TO REMAIN ORTIZ' INSTRUMENT
DESPITE HIS PROTESTATIONS SEMINAR HAS "NO REAL CHAIRMAN."
IN INITIAL SESSION, ORTIZ MADE PARTICULAR EFFORT TO SHOW
HIMSELF ON GOOD TERMS WITH SOVIETS, WHO HAD OPPOSED HIS CANDIDACY
IN 1971. HE ALSO TOOK PAINS TO SHOW RESPECT FOR SOME OF THEMES
IN AMB. SCALI'S GA ADDRESS OF DEC 6, 1974. IN SUM, EXERCISE
WAS A POLISHED KICK-OFF TO ORTIZ CAMPAIGN.
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